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SUMMARY: DISCUSSION OF ASSUMPTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS OF 150CT MICOM ANALYSIS APPLICABLE TO LOGISTIC SUPPORT PROVIDED. DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE REQUESTED ON THREE POINTS. END SUMMARY.

1. REFTEL A DIRECTED EMBASSY TO DISUCSS ASSUMPTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS OF MICOM REPORT ON PROBLEM AREAS OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPT, CONSTRUCTION AND LOGISTIC
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SUPPORT. REFTEL B HAS REPORTED RESULTS OF DISUCSSIONS

RELATIVE TO CONSTRUCTION.

2. SCOPE/BACKGROUND (SEC P. C-1, MICOM REPORT)

A. MATERIAL CONCEPT

DISCUSSION: KADF HAS NO DIFFICULTIES WITH PRINCIPLE. EMBASSY NOTES THAT CASE UAH, NOTE 10 INDICATES FUNDING IS FOR 180 DAYS SPARE PARTS. MICOM REPORT INDICATES PLANNING FOR A TOTAL OF 225 DAYS. AS LONG AS THIS REMAINS WITHIN FUNDING FOR SPARES IN UAH (PLUS RESIDUALS, ETC., FROM UCY), DISCREPANCY IS UNIMPORTANT. IF THIS IS TO BE THE BASIS FOR INCREASED COSTS, COMPLAINTS AND RESISTANCE SHOULD BE EXPECTED.

B. MAINTENANCE CONCEPT

DISCUSSION: KADF WILL REPAIR EQUIPMENT WITHIN CAPABILITIES. SINCE KADF IS GETTING SOME 4TH AND 5TH ECHELON TEST EQUIPMENT, THEY WILL DO SOME "DEPOT MAINTENANCE." TEXTENT OF THIS CANNOT BE DEFINED PRECISELY BY KADF AT THIS TIME. WITH THIS EXCEPTION, MAINTENACE CONCEPT WILL BE AS STATED: ORGANIZATIONAL (ON SITE) INTERMEDIATE (AT CSMC) AND DEPOT. DEPOT MAINTENANCE BEYOND KADF CAPABILITY EXPECTED TO BE DONE AT CONUS DEPOTS.

C. CALIBRATION

DISCUSSION: COGNIZANCE TRANSFERRED TO USN BY OSD.

D. TRANSPORTATION

DISCUSSION: TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TACTICAL MOBILITY CONCEPT HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY KADF--NO KNOWN ISSUES THIS MATTER.

E. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (CASE UCY)

DISCUSSION: PRINCIPLE IS ACCEPTED BY KADF BUT COST OF PROGRAM CONTAINED IN CASE UCY A PROBLEM -- SEE REF C.

3. ASSUMPTIONS (P C-6, MICOM REPORT)

A. FMS CASES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY GOK.

DISCUSSION: KADF REPS HAVE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT CASE UCY IS GIVING THEM PROBLEMS. SEE REF C. OTHER UNPRESENTED CASES MAY ALSO, DEPENDING UPON TERMS AND TIMING.

B. FACILITIES FOR SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCNE WILL BE FURNISHED WHEN NEEDED.

DISCUSSION: THIS IS THE CORE OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROBLEM AREA--SEE REF B.

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C. TECH ASSIST AND CONCURRENT SPARE PARTS FOR TSQ-73 WILL BE EXTENDED THROUGH CY79.

DISCUSSION: KADF AGREED TO TECH ASSIST EXTENSION IN JULY MEETING WITH PMO. QUESTION OF SPARE PARTS IS ONE ON WHICH EMBASSY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AND AVAILABLE KADF REP UNCERTAIN (NOT HIS AREA OF EXPERTISE).

D. CALIBRATION FACILITY WILL SUPPORT ENTIRE KUWAIT ARMED FORCES.

DISCUSSION: THIS IS STATED DESIRE OF MINISTRY--NOT DISCUSSED.

COGNIZANCE TRANSFERRED TO USN BY OSD.

E. TACTICAL MOBILITY CONCEPT REQUIRES THE ORGANIZATIONAL STOCKS FOR TWO BATTERIES AND TWO IAFU'S TO BE VEHICLE MOUNTED. STOCKS FOR THE OTHER TWO BATTERIES WILL BE PROVIDED FROM FIXED FIRING BATTERIES.

DISCUSSION: KADF REP AVAILABLE COULD NOT ADDRESS THIS POINT.

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SR ADVISOR (COL MUSTAPHA) DID NOT DESIRE DUSCUSS THIS POINT IN PAST (SEE REF D). EMBASSY QUESTIONS WHETHER IT IS USG INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE/RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL MOBILITY CAPABILITY.

F. FOLLOW-ON MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS WILL BE DEVELOPED.

DISCUSSION: KADF AGREES IN PRINCIPLE.

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4. PROBLEM AREAS (PARA IV, P C06, MICOM REPORT)

A. REPAIR PARTS VANS. MICOM STATES STOCKS FOR TWO BATTERIES SHOULD BE VEHICLE MOUNTED AND CONCLUDES THAT TWO MORE REPAIR PARTS VANS REQUIRED. REPORT OMITS 2 EACH M818 TRACTORS TO PULL PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY REF E (DECLINED BY KADF).

DCSCUSSION: AS STATED ABOVE, EMBASSY QUESTIONS WHETHER

IT IS USG INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE/RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL MOBILITY.
WE HAVE RECOMMENDED ONCE THAT THEY PROCURE THIS, (AS
REQUESTED BY REF E)--NO INTEREST WAS SHOWN AND
RECOMMENDATION WAS NOT ACCEPTED. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS A
COMPLETELY PASSIVE STANCE ON THIS POINT. IF GOK ASKS,
ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVE, ACCEDE, OTHERWISE STAY SILENT.
B. REAPRI PARTS MANAGEMENT--MICOM RECOMMENDS RESTRUCTURING
THE REPAIR PARTS LINE ITEMS IN CASE UAH AND CONCLUDES
THAT A NO COST CHANGE TO FMS CASE UAH IS REQUIRED.
DISCUSSION: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT LISTING OF
30,000 LINE ITEMS OF SPARE PARTS ALREADY STRUCTURED
IN THIS FASHION. AT TIME PMO BRIEFED LIST AND OBTAINED
APPROVAL IN JUNE, POINT WAS DISCUSSED AND FOUND AGREEABLE
TO KADF. (NOTE: THIS WAS RECOMMENDED IN DETAIL BY
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MICOM LTR OF 25APR FORWARDED TO GOK 7JUN). PROBLEM IS
A MECHANICAL ONE OF PRODUCING AMENDMENT (NOT YET PRESENTED)
AND GETTING IT APPROVED THROUGH MINISTRY. REF F DISCUSSES
THIS AND PROVIDED RECOMMENDATION FOR METHOD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.
C. CALIBRATION SUPPORT CAPABILITY
DISCUSSION: COGNIZANCE TRANSFERRED TO USN BY OSD.
D. REPAIR PARTS REPLENISHMENT - MICOM RECOMMENDS A
SUPPLY SUPPORT AGREEMENT (SSA) WHEREIN GOK WOULD OWN AN
EQUITY SHARE IN US HELD STOCKS AND USG WOULD PLAN FOR AND
PROCURE ON PREDICTED USAGE IN SAME FASHION AS FOR US UNITS.
DISCUSSION: THE MATTER OF SSA VERSUS OPEN END ORDERING
AGREEMENTS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH WITH GOK LOGISTICS
PERSONNEL AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL (WITHIN LOGISTICS) AND
THEIR DECISION HAS BEEN NO RPT NO. HLECOMMEND REVIEW
REF G AND H. IT WOULD REQUIRE AN APPEAL TO MINDEF HIMSELF
TO REVERSE THIS AND WE DO NOT PREDICT THAT HE WOULD OVERRULE
ONE OF HIS MOST TRUSTED ADVISORS IN THE MATTER. EMBASSY
ALSO NOTES THAT ENTIRE GOK MILITARY STRATEGY IS BASED
UPON A ONE-WEEK WAR WITH 180 DAYS OF SPARE PARTS TO ALLOW
REORDER TIME AND SHORT TERM POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE FROM
SOURCE OF SUPPLY. BELIEVE RECOMMENDATIONS, ETC., FOR
SSA COMPLETELY FUTILE AND WOULD PUT USG IN "HARD SELL"
POSITION. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAINST THIS.
WE HAVE RECOMMENDED, RECOMMENDATION NOT ACCEPTED; EMBASSY
RECOMMENDS DROP THE MATTER. BASIC OPEN-END ORDERING AGREEMENT
SHOULD BE PROCESSED AT APPROPRIATE TIME (MID 1977) SO
THAT IT IS IN EFFECT AT TIME OF ARRIVAL OF FIRST BATTERY.
E. REPAIR OUTSIDE KUWAIT: RECOMMENDATION MADE THAT GOK
MAKE PROVISION FOR DEPOT LEVEL REPAIR IN CONUS. CONCLUSION
IS THAT FMS CASE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH ESTIMATED
COST OF 750K THROUGH DEC 79.
DISCUSSION: GOK HAS ACCEPTED THIS IN PRINCIPLE FROM
BEGINNING. AMOUNT SEEMS HIGH FOR INITIAL YEARS SERVICE
FOR NEW EQUIPMENT; HOWEVER, IF USG INFORMS GOK THIS IS

OUR EXPERIENCE, FOR NEW EQUIPMENT, PREDICT THEY WILL
ACCEPT. CASE SHOULD BE PREPARED MID 77 TO ALLOW EFFECTIVELY
ON ARRIVAL OF EQUIPMENT.

F. CERTIFIED MISSILE VERIFICATION

MICOM ANALYSES DESCRIBES PROGRAM AND CONCLUDES THAT
AN FMS CASE (ANNUAL COST 100K) SHOULD BE PREPARED.

DISCUSSION: GOK DECIDED NOT TO PROCURE FACILITIES FOR
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THIS AND HAS ACCEPTED THAT IT WILL BE DONE (LOCATION
UNKNOWN). EARLIER DISCUSSION INDICATED TRMF IN EUROPE
AS BEST LOCATION. BELIEVE COST STUDY SHOULD BE PROVIDED
KADF ON COSTS OF USING EUROPEAN FACILITY VS CONUS.

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT REVIEW PARA 3E, 4A, AND
4D AND PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE.
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